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Albuquerque Man Indicted on Felony Charges for Running 5-Year Long Driver's License Scheme For Illegal Immigrants

Two Illegal Immigrants From South America Also Indicted For Trying to Obtain NM Licenses Fraudulently

ALBUQUERQUE – An Albuquerque resident and two illegal immigrants from New York have been indicted on felony criminal charges in two separate schemes to fraudulently obtain New Mexico driver's licenses.

An Albuquerque grand jury on Monday returned an indictment against Daniel Salido on two counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy for running an illegal driver's license scheme.

Salido charged \$2,000 from an illegal Mexican immigrant from Georgia who had traveled to Albuquerque to obtain a New Mexico driver's license, according to a criminal complaint. He was arrested last August when he was in the process of providing the driver's license to Sergio Galvan-Gutierrez.

Salido, 53, of Albuquerque, allegedly told State Police investigators after his arrest that he has been running this scheme for the past five years.

In a separate case, Manuel Chimbo-Pando, of Ecuador, and Carlos Turcios, of El Salvador, have been each indicted on four counts of forgery and two counts of conspiracy by a grand jury in the Second Judicial District Court in Albuquerque on Monday.

Chimbo-Pando, 31, and Turcios, 32, who are illegally in the country, traveled from New York to Albuquerque after responding to a newspaper advertisement regarding obtaining a New Mexico driver's license, according to a criminal complaint.

Both men told State Police that the newspaper advertisement listed a phone number that was traced to Washington State. They wired \$1,500 each into a bank account held by a woman who then provided them with fake lease agreements for residences in Albuquerque.

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Both men traveled to Albuquerque in April 2013 with fake residential documents and checked into a hotel. Investigators for Taxation and Revenue became suspicious after receiving conflicting information about where they resided.

Salido, Chimbo-Pando and Turcios are all out on bail and a criminal summons will be issued to them to appear before a judge in the Second Judicial District Court.

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